

# NAVY SURGEON GENERAL VISITS GULF COAST

Shipmates,

I Recently traveled to the Gulf Coast to visit Sailors, students, leaders and staff members throughout the south, Oct. 2 through Oct. 6, 2017.

While visiting our clinics and hospitals, I witnessed all the hard work taking place throughout the fleet.

Here are a few trip highlights:

On Monday, October 2, I visited Naval Branch Health Clinic Millington in Millington, Tennessee. I had the opportunity to speak with the command ombudsman and conducted an admiral's call to discuss the future of Navy Medicine. Afterwards, we arrived at Navy Personnel Command where I had a meeting with Rear Adm. Richard Brown, commander, Navy Personnel Command, and Rear Adm. John Meier, assistant commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-4).



*Vice Adm. Forrest Faison and Force Master Chief Hosea Smith visit with service members from Branch Health Clinic Millington in Millington, Tenn.*

On Tuesday, October 3, we visited the Marine Forces Reserve command in New Orleans, Louisiana then traveled to Naval Branch Health Clinic Belle Chasse. While at these locations, I toured the facilities and had a chance to speak with Sailors and staff. Before departing, I conducted an admiral's call where I answered questions from hospital corpsmen.



*Vice Adm. Forrest Faison and Force Master Chief Hosea Smith tour the halls of the Marine Forces Reserve command in New Orleans, La.*



*Vice Adm. Forrest Faison speaks with Marines at the Marine Forces Reserve command in New Orleans, La.*



*Vice Adm. Forrest Faison and Force Master Chief Hosea Smith speak with Sailors and staff during an admiral's call at Naval Branch Health Clinic Belle Chase, La.*

On Wednesday, October 4, we traveled from New Orleans to Gulfport, Mississippi to visit Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport. I toured the facility, hosted an admiral's call and officiated a reenlistment ceremony for Chief Hospital Corpsman Genesia Salgado.



*Vice Adm. Forrest Faison reenlists Chief Hospital Corpsman Genesia Salgado at Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport.*



*Vice Adm. Forrest Faison awards a challenge coin at Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport during an admiral's call.*



*Lt. Cmdr. Veny Maysonet, officer in charge, conducts a tour of the facility at Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport in Gulfport, Miss. with Vice Adm. Forrest Faison.*



*Vice Adm. Forrest Faison and Force Master Chief Hosea Smith speak with Sailors and staff at Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport in Gulfport, Miss.*

Thursday, October 5, we had the chance to visit one of our provisional programs at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Florida. Connected Corpsmen in the Community is a proof of concept bringing the skills and knowledge of our corpsmen to the community, limiting the distance and time service members have to wait and travel for routine care. After we departed, we made our way to Naval



Hospital Pensacola and observed a tactical combat casualty care scenario hosted by the local hospital corpsmen.



*Vice Adm. Forrest Faison and Force Master Chief Hosea Smith take a photo with the Connected Corpsman in the Community team at Naval Air Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Fla.*

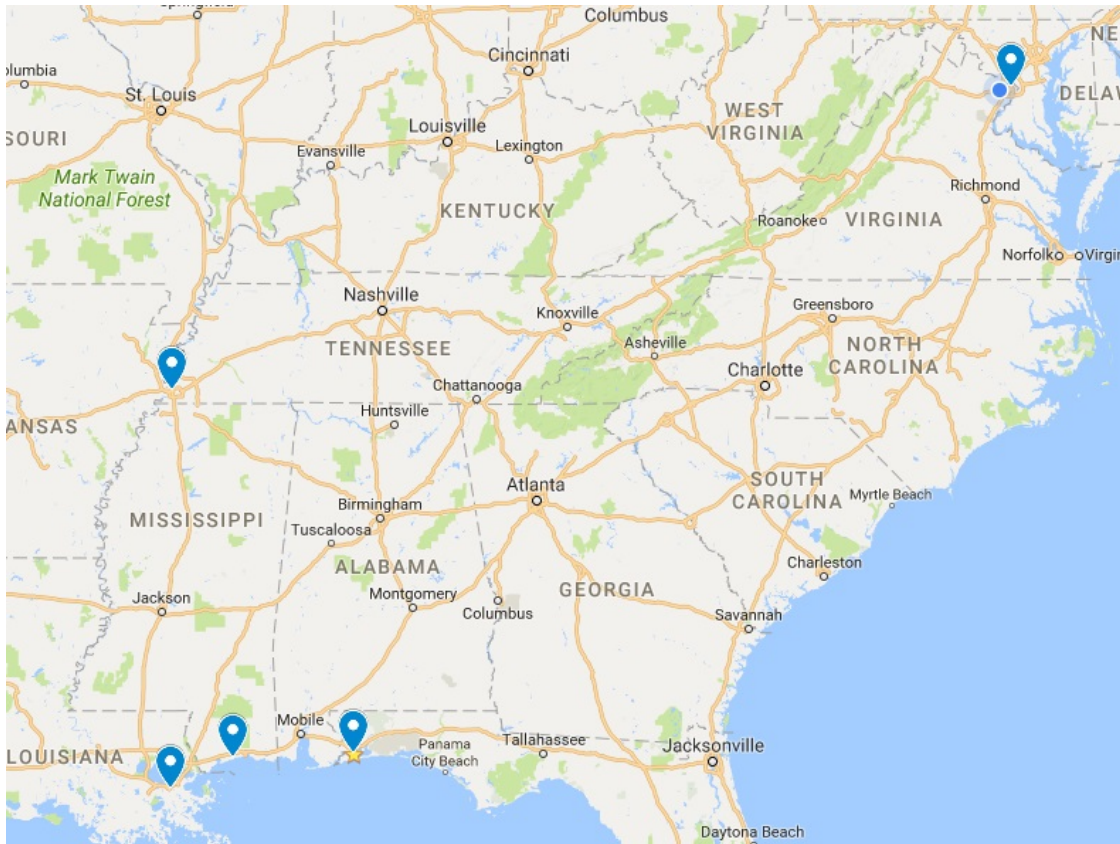


*Vice Adm. Forrest Faison and Force Master Chief Hosea Smith observe a tactical Combat casualty care course at Naval Hospital Pensacola.*



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It was a pleasure to spend this time with members of the Navy Medicine team across the Gulf Coast.



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